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Meeting in Clearwater

October 3, 1963

PRESENT: Reverend Mr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Gus Sakkis, Secretary; Mrs. Baya Harrison; Mrs. H. W. Holland; County Commissioner, A. L. Anderson; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Floyd T. Christian; and Judge William A. Patterson. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Mrs. Elouise Irwin, Director, and Mrs. Priscilla Colby, District Child Welfare Supervisor, State Department of Public Welfare.

MOTION Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Patterson seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the September 5 meeting
Approval of Minutes of September 5 Meeting

County Commissioner Anderson, who was presiding in the temporary absence of the Chairman, requested that the approval of the checks be deferred until further discussion about procedures of payment could be made. Mr. Anderson directed that the preliminary financial reports for September be received and filed.

The report of children in foster care for the month of August was discussed by the Board. Dr. Finck pointed out that the total number of children had increased only slightly, but the expenditures from local funds were greater because of the need to use State funds for unmarried mothers and for housekeeper service.

MOTION Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, to approve a foster boarding rate of \$75.00 a month because of the need of a special diet for Willie Mae Williams
Special Diet for Willie Mae Williams

MOTION Mr. Anderson moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to extend foster care for James Jensen beyond his 17th birthday in order that he may complete his senior year at St. Petersburg High School.
Extension of Foster Care for James Jensen

MOTION Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mrs. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, to approve the payment of \$15.00 from Trust Funds for the rental of a musical instrument for Leland Beach.
Payment from Trust Funds

MOTION Mr. Anderson moved, and Judge Patterson seconded a motion which carried, to approve the payment of expenses for Beverly Flanagan at St. Euphrasia School, Batesburg, South Carolina, at the rate of \$95.00 a month, plus other necessary expenses.
Payment of School Expenses for Beverly Flanagan

MOTION Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to approve the payment of a special board rate of \$80.00 a month for O. C. Cruder at a nursing home, pending his admission to Sunland Training School, effective September 1, 1963.
Payment of Special Board Rate for O. C. Cruder

The foster care agreement between the State Department of Public Welfare and the Juvenile Welfare Board for the fiscal year 1963-64 was discussed by the Board.

MOTION
Approval of Foster
Care Agreement

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the foster care agreement for the year 1963-64.

The Board discussed, at Commissioner Anderson's request, the procedures for preparation and payment of checks to cover the monthly expenses of the Board.

MOTION
Expenditures

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, that the Juvenile Welfare Board continue its present policy on the preparation of payrolls and checks and that purchases of all major equipment be made either through the County Purchasing Department or the Purchasing Division of the Pinellas County Board of Public Instruction.

Mr. Anderson dissented on this motion. It was agreed that at the next Board meeting there would be further discussion of the procedures covering payments.

MOTION
Election of Chairman

Mrs. Harrison nominated Judge William A. Patterson to be Chairman of the Juvenile Welfare Board, and Mr. Anderson moved, and Mr. Christian seconded a motion which carried, to cast a unanimous ballot to this effect.

MOTION
Election of Secretary

Mrs. Holland nominated Mrs. Sakkis for another term as Secretary, and Mr. Anderson moved, and Mr. Christian seconded a motion which carried, to cast a unanimous ballot for the election of Mrs. Sakkis.

MOTION
Payment of School
Expenses for Debby
Cramer

Mr. Christian moved, and Mr. Anderson seconded a motion which carried, to approve the payment of up to \$100.00 for the school expenses of Debby Cramer at a Catholic school in Pennsylvania, with the understanding that the Juvenile Court would collect as much as possible from the parents in this case.

The request for the payment of residential treatment for Robert Stevenson at the Brown Schools was discussed by the Board. It was felt that since Robert was only a month away from 17, and since his condition held little promise of rehabilitation, that no plans should be made to send him to the Brown Schools.

MOTION
Extended Foster Care
for Robert Stevenson

Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mr. Christian seconded a motion which carried, to extend foster care for Robert Stevenson for six months after he reaches the age of 17 and to request the Child Welfare Unit to report back on the case at the end of this time.

Dr. Finck reported on the meeting and formation of the Community Council of Upper Pinellas.

MOTION
Delegate to Upper
Pinellas Community
Council

Dr. Coleman moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, that the Chairman appoint a member of the Board to serve on the Community Council of Upper Pinellas. Judge Patterson appointed Dr. Coleman to this position.

Dr. Finck displayed to the members of the Board the second of the articles which appeared in the Børnesagens Tidende about the work of the Juvenile Welfare Board. He also showed members of the Board a clipping which appeared in one of the large

Danish newspapers, concerning the first article on the marriage counseling program of the Juvenile Welfare Board.

Mrs. Elouise Irwin, Director, District 4, State Department of Public Welfare, presented some of the broad aspects of the Child Welfare Program to the members of the Board and discussed briefly the difficulties of inaugurating the adoption program as set up by the last legislature. Mrs. Priscilla Colby, District Child Welfare Supervisor, then presented two short case histories of children in foster care.

The activities reports for September and for the year 1962-63 were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck stated that in the past year there were 158 more marriage and family contacts with people using the service than in the preceding year. He stated that two more families and 24 more individuals used the service, and that the increase in contacts was an indication of the development of the skills of the counselors in holding people in counseling until they had time to work on their problems.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be held Thursday, November 7, in the County Office Building in Clearwater.

Marie Sakkis

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Secretary